

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A hair bleach or dye composition, comprising:

at least two separate components of:

a first aqueous alkali component containing an alkali agent (C) in an amount of 0.1-10 wt % based on the entire ~~hair bleach~~ composition, and

a second aqueous oxidation component containing an oxidizing agent (D) in an amount corresponding in effect to 0.1-12 wt % of hydrogen peroxide; the composition further comprising:

(A) an organic solvent having a partition coefficient (octanol-water) (log P) at 25° C of 0.3-6 and a molecular weight of 200 or less, in at least one of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components such that the total amount of component (A) ranges from 1-70 wt % of the entire ~~bleach~~ composition;

(B) an organic solvent having a partition coefficient (octanol-water) (log P) at 25° C of less than 0.3, in at least one of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components such that the total amount of component (B) ranges from 0-8 wt % of the entire ~~bleach~~ composition, but less than the amount of component (A); and

(E) water in an amount of 20-55 wt % of the entire ~~bleach~~ composition; ; and

a saturated or unsaturated C<sub>12</sub>-C<sub>22</sub> linear or branched monohydric alcohol (I) in at least one of the first aqueous alkali or second aqueous oxidation components in an amount ranging from 0.1-20 wt % based on the entire composition, the hair bleach composition, upon admixture of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components upon use, having a pH of 7.5-12.

Claim 6. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim 5, wherein the first aqueous alkali component contains ammonia in an amount of 0-3 wt % based on the entire composition.

Claim 7. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim 5, which further comprises a third oxidizing component of a persulfate salt in an amount of 1-30 wt % based on the entire composition.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim 5, which further comprises a cationic surfactant component (F) in at least one of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components in an amount ranging from 0.01-10 wt %.

Claim 9. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim 5, which further comprises color developing and coupling substances in combinations of two or more substances in respective amounts of 0.01-5 wt % based on the entire composition or a direct dye.

Claim 10. (Canceled)

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim 5, which further comprises a polyoxyalkylene compound as component (J) in at least one of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components selected from the group consisting of polyalkylene glycol having a total polycondensation number of  $C_2$ - $C_4$  oxyalkylene groups of 4 or more, polyalkylene glycol alkyl ( $C_{1-4}$ ) ethers, polyalkylene glycol glyceryl ethers, polyalkylene glycol pentaerythritol alkylene ethers, polyalkylene glycoltrimethylolpropane ethers and polyalkylene glycol alkylene glycoyl ethers in at least one of the first and second components in an amount ranging from 0.1-20 wt % based on the entire composition.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim 5, which further comprises at least two nonionic surfactants of different HLB values of which one is a hydrophilic nonionic surfactant (K) having an HLB value of 10-20 and another is an oleophilic nonionic surfactant (L) having an HLB value of 1-10, the surfactants incorporated in the first aqueous alkali component or the second aqueous oxidation component or both of the components.

Claim 13. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim 12, wherein the hydrophilic nonionic surfactant is a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether or an alkyl glycoside.

Claim 14. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim 12, wherein the oleophilic nonionic surfactant is a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether having an HLB of 1-10, a polyoxyethylene polypropylene alkyl ether, an alkyl glyceryl ether, alkyl

glyceryl pentaerythritol ether, an alkyl diglyceryl ether or an alkyl triglyceryl ether, all having an HLB value of 1-10.

Claim 15. (Currently amended) A hair bleach or dye composition, comprising:

at least two separate components of:

a first aqueous alkali component containing an alkali agent (C) in an amount of 0.1-10 wt % based on the entire ~~hair-bleach~~ composition, and

a second aqueous oxidation component containing an oxidizing agent (D) in an amount corresponding in effect to 0.1-12 wt % of hydrogen peroxide; the composition further comprising:

(A) an organic solvent having a partition coefficient (octanol-water) (log P) at 25° C of 0.3-6 and a molecular weight of 200 or less, in at least one of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components such that the total amount of component (A) ranges from 1-70 wt % of the entire ~~bleach~~ composition;

(B) an organic solvent having a partition coefficient (octanol-water) (log P) at 25° C of less than 0.3, in at least one of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components such that the total amount of component (B) ranges from 0-8 wt % of the entire ~~bleach~~ composition, but less than the amount of component (A); and

(E) water in an amount of 20-70 wt % of the entire ~~bleach~~ composition; and

(F) a cationic surfactant in at least one of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components in an amount of 0.01-10 wt % based on the entire bleach composition;  
; and

a saturated or unsaturated C<sub>12</sub>-C<sub>22</sub> linear or branched monohydric alcohol (I) in at least one of the first aqueous alkali or second aqueous oxidation components in an amount ranging from 0.1-20 wt % based on the entire composition, the hair bleach composition, upon admixture of the first aqueous alkali and second aqueous oxidation components upon use, having a pH of 7.5-12.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim 15, wherein the first aqueous alkali component contains ammonia in an amount of 0-3 wt % based on the entire composition.

Claim 17. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim 15, which further comprises a third oxidizing component of a persulfate salt in an amount of 1-30 wt % based on the entire composition.

Claim 18. (Canceled)

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim 15, which further comprises color developing and coupling substances in combinations of two or more substances in respective amounts of 0.01-5 wt % based on the entire composition ~~or a direct dye~~.

Claim 20. (Canceled)

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim 15, which further comprises a polyoxyalkylene compound as component (J) in at least one of the first aqueous alkali ~~or and~~ second aqueous oxidation components selected from the group consisting of polyalkylene glycol having a total polycondensation number of C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>

oxyalkylene groups of 4 or more, polyalkylene glycol alkyl (C<sub>1-4</sub>) ethers, polyalkylene glycol glyceryl ethers, polyalkylene glycol pentaerythritol alkylene glycol ethers, polyalkylene glycoltrimethylolpropane ethers and polyalkylene glycol alkylene glycol ethers in at least one of the first aqueous alkali or ~~and~~ second aqueous oxidation components in an amount ranging from 0.1-20 wt % based on the entire composition.

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim 15, which further comprises at least two nonionic surfactants of different HLB values of which one is a hydrophilic nonionic surfactant (K) having an HLB value of 10-20 and another is an oleophilic nonionic surfactant (L) having an HLB value of 1-10, the surfactants incorporated in the first aqueous alkali component or the second aqueous oxidation component or both of the components.

Claim 23. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim 22, wherein the hydrophilic nonionic surfactant is a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether or an alkyl glycoside.

Claim 24. (Previously Added) The hair bleach or dye composition according to Claim 22, wherein the oleophilic nonionic surfactant is a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether having an HLB of 1-10, a polyoxyethylene polypropylene alkyl ether, an alkyl glyceryl ether, alkyl glyceryl pentaerythritol ether, an alkyl diglyceryl ether or an alkyl triglyceryl ether, all having an HLB value of 1-10.

Claim 25. (Canceled)

Claim 26. (Canceled)